City of Fort Lauderdale, Florida Neighborhood Development Criteria Revisions



Community Workshop - Activity #2

Activity #2 - Team Assignment Defining Development Patterns in Residential Neighborhoods

Residential areas in Fort Lauderdale share many characteristics but are also distinct from each other. Those areas with differing features may be considered distinct "development patterns." For example, some areas may have curving streets with swales and a consistent pattern of low scale buildings while other areas may have a grid pattern of streets with sidewalks and varied building scales.

In this activity, we seek to identify some of the basic "development patterns" that exist in the city. Note that several draft development patterns are identified in the Development Patterns handout. These patterns may be used as a guide to assist with this activity or you may identify your own development patterns.

Task #1: Identify Different Development Patterns on the Map

Working as a team, identify up to three different development patterns on the aerial map. To identify different patterns you may want to look as some of the following existing characteristics:

Framework Level Features

- Street Pattern (Grid, curvilinear, cul-de-sacs, etc.)

Street or Block Level Features

- Streetscape (street trees, etc.)
- Swales and Sidewalks

Site Level Features

- Pervious Surfaces
- Building Coverage (the amount of the lot typically covered by buildings)
- Landscaping
- Setbacks
- Parking and Driveways

Building Level Features

- Building Height
- Building Mass and Scale
- Entries
- Garage Doors
- Design Elements

Task 2: Describe the Development Patterns

Working as a team, please use the post-it notes provided to describe some of the key characteristics of each of the development patterns that you circled on the map. You may use the framework, street, site and building level features described above as a guide or identify any additional features that you feel are important.